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For : TRANSPARENT COSMETIC MICROEMULSION-BASED  
FORMULATION CONTAINING AN ALPHA-HYDROXY-  
CARBOXYLIC ACID

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.